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SUBJECT: MBFR: FOLLOW- ON DISCUSSIONS BY INTERAGENCY TEAM

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1. EMBOFF CONTACTED AMB ROTH MAY 11 AND PASSED ON DEPT' S VIEWS REGARDING US/ UK/ FRG TRILATERAL CONSULTATIONS. GIVEN PURPOSES OF INTERAGENCY TEAM' S VISIT (REF A, PARA 1) AND REACTION OF TICKELL(REF B), ROTH SAID GERMANS ALSO WOULD ACCOMMODATE THEMSELVES TO ARRANGEMENTS US WORKED OUT. HE WOULD AWAIT OUR ADVICE CONCERNING DATE.

2. SINCE AS FRG UNDERSTANDS IT US TEAM WILL NOT BE PREPARED TO ADDRESS POLICY ASPECTS OF GUIDELINES PAPER FOR APPROVAL AT MINISTERIAL, ROTH SAID HE MAY WISH TO ADDRESS THAT SUBJECT SOON EITHER WITH AMB HILLENBRAND OR IN HIGH LEVEL CONTACT IN WASHINGTON BY FRG AMB VON STADEN. ROTH SAID AMB KRAPF WILL DISTRIBUTE FOUR PAGE PAPER CONTAINING INITIAL GERMAN REACTION TO US MBFR PAPER AT MAY 11 NAC. HE ADDED THAT FRG WILL HAVE SOME SUGGESTIONS CONCERNING POINTS IN US PAPER (PP 15-16) ON POSSIBLE GUIDELINES PAPER. (WE ARE TOLD BY FONOFF
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NATO DEPT OFFICIAL THAT KRAPF' S INSTRUCTIONS WERE
APPROVED BY CHANCELLOR BRANDT.)

3. FINALLY, ROTH INDICATED THAT GERMANS HAVE NOTED US
POSITION OSTENSIBLY LINKING IMPROVEMENT OF EUROPEAN
ALLIED FORCES AND REVIEW OF STRATEGIC OPTIONS AS VITAL
PREREQUISITES TO DETERMINATION OF ALLIANCE POSITION ON
POSSIBLE MBFR REDUCTION OPTIONS. IT IS NOT CLEAR TO
FRG, SAID ROTH, WHAT SEQUENTIAL TIMETABLE USG ENVISAGES
FOR THESE " THREE PARALLEL COURSES" MENTIONED IN
PRESIDENT' S STATE OF THE WORLD REPORT. BUT FRG WOULD
APPRECIATE ENLIGHTENMENT ON THIS SCORE. (COMMENT:
GUIDANCE ON THIS ISSUE WOULD BE HELPFUL TO US.)
HILLENBRAND

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